GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5270
ANSWERED ON:28.08.2001
S.T. STATUS TO LAMBADA TRIBE
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lambada tribe has been given different status and category in various states;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to include them in the list of Scheduled Tribesby giving them one name `Lambada` throughout the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) & (b) Lambada community has been specified as Other Backward Class in relation to the State of Maharashtra, whereas Lambadi community has been specified as Scheduled Tribe in relation to the State of Andhra Pradesh and Other Backward Class in relation to the State of Orissa. This is so because the socio-economic conditions of a community vary from State to State.

(c) At present there is no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) As required under Article 342 of the Constitution, in the absence of recommendation of the concerned State Govts. the community can not be considered for transfer to the list of Scheduled Tribes.